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The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
United States Senate
502 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Whitehouse,

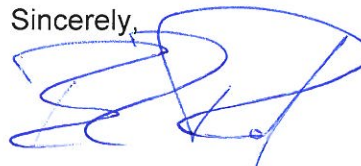
The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the nation's largest manufacturing trade association representing manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, supports your legislation S.1228, the *Combating Military Counterfeits Act of 2011*.

Manufacturers are deeply committed to the partnership they share with our men and women in uniform. From high-performance technologies that deliver and protect sensitive military information to the vehicles and armor that shield our soldiers, every tool used by our Armed Forces needs to meet the highest standards.

The *Combating Military Counterfeits Act of 2011* will protect the integrity of the Department of Defense supply chain by increasing the penalties for those who knowingly traffic counterfeit goods to the U.S. military or falsely identify goods as meeting military standards. The measures in this legislation will enhance the safety and security of our military personnel and operations and those trusted manufacturers who partner with them in their mission.

The NAM looks forward to working with you and your colleagues on the *Combating Military Counterfeits Act of 2011*.

Sincerely,



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